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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - AUGUST 18

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP: SALLY SHELTON AND LUIGI ENAUDI, WHO RETURNED LATE YESTERDAY, REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. THE TRIP EFFECTIVELY SYMBOLIZED OUR NEW POLICY THRUSTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ACCEPTANCE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PLURALISM AND THE BENEFITS OF BROADER COOPERATION IN THE AREA. HAITI'S MOVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND GUYANA'S ON PRIVATE INVESTMENT ARE OF CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE. WE WILL HAVE A FULL REPORT FOR YOU ON YOUR RETURN.

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2. PANAMA DEVELOPMENTS: DICK WYROUGH HAS RETURNED TO PANAMA TO DISCUSS THE NEW TREATY FURTHER WITH THE CANAL COMPANY/CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. BEFORE HE LEFT HE APPEARED WITH GENERAL DOLVIN AND SENATOR THURMOND ON THE MACNEIL-LEHRER REPORT TO DEBATE THE TREATIES. PRESS ARTICLES INDICATE THAT THE OPPOSITION LED BY THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION WILL SPEND DOLLARS 20,000 IN A MEDIA

BLITZ WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE SOUTH. THE THEME:
"THERE IS NO PANAMA CANAL. THERE IS ONLY AN AMERICAN
CANAL IN PANAMA."

CANAL ZONE REACTION: OUR EMBASSY IN PANAMA REPORTS THAT
MOST US AND NON-US CITIZEN ZONE EMPLOYEES ARE DISAP-
POINTED WITH THE AGREEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNOR
PARFITT ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY OF 12 ASSURANCES ON
EMPLOYEE MATTERS BUT OUR EMBASSY EXPECTS THE ATMOSPHERE
WILL BE TENSE AT THE PUBLIC RALLY TO BE HELD TOMORROW,
AUGUST 19, UNDER CIVIC COUNCIL AUSPICES.

BRIEFING FOR AMBASSADORS: A MEETING WITH ALL LATIN
AMERICAN AMBASSADORS, THOSE ACCREDITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE
AND THE OAS, IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY.
AMBASSADOR BUNKER WILL BRIEF THE GROUP AND ANSWER SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS. VANCE

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